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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Santos "Sandy" Acosta Fuentes was posthumously
2 recognized by the Austin History Center in conjunction with its
3 exhibit *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis*
4 *County*; and

5 WHEREAS, Honoring the important contributions made by
6 Mexican Americans to Central Texas, the Austin History Center and
7 its association joined with the Austin Public Library to organize
8 the show, which ran from August 21, 2010, through January 16, 2011;
9 *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*
10 celebrated the pioneering achievements of 32 remarkable men and
11 women and provided the public with an opportunity to learn more
12 about their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, One such individual, Santos "Sandy" Acosta Fuentes,
14 was honored for her achievements as a business owner; after working
15 as a beautician at Lorraine and Hage Beauty Shops, Mrs. Fuentes
16 opened the first beauty shop for Mexican American women in Austin,
17 starting Sandy's Beauty Shop in 1942 on East 7th Street; she
18 eventually owned two shops; and

19 WHEREAS, As a business owner, Mrs. Fuentes served as a role
20 model to Mexican American women; she hired, trained, and mentored
21 young women in the beauty business and helped many go on to start
22 businesses of their own; and

23 WHEREAS, Through her outstanding accomplishments, Sandy
24 Fuentes made a positive difference in her community, and her legacy

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1 is a source of pride and inspiration to many people; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Santos "Sandy" Acosta
5 Fuentes, a Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis
6 County.